

Data and Evaluation Workgroup Update

Meeting on 5/9

- Reviewed the workgroup charge, roles and responsibilities
- Reviewed the potential models and the criteria for assessing the models
- Presented a template of proposed data measures. Discussed measures, heard comments and proposals to refine measures and proposals to include additional measures

Interim Work

- Working with Michael Abrams and The Hilltop Institute, we have been revising and populating the databook based on comments at the first meeting. We expect to send out the second iteration shortly. Because we were not able to present it today we plan to schedule another meeting soon after disseminating the databook to hear your input.
- Changes to look for in the second iteration:
 - Populated data
 - Refined the service settings
 - Separated ER visits out of outpatient/inpatient category)
 - Residential treatment category
 - Added a bucket of Medicaid enrollees with no MH or SA diagnosis
 - Added age groups
- We plan to release a third iteration of the databook with the following changes:
 - Breakout by individual diagnosis code
 - Add detailed diagnostic information summarizing co-morbidities outside of the MH/SUD domain is not presently included, but can add that on the next iteration of the data.
 - Add Inpatient “length of stays”
 - Show average enrollment going back multiple years
 - Add Methadone and buprenorphine tallies
- Unresolved Items:
 - Defining readmission measure (consider frequency of readmission, etc.)
 - Capturing penetration rates
 - Distinguishing between partial outpatient and full outpatient
 - FFS Nursing home payments
- We promised to provide information on Medicaid savings from shifting to managed care. Will send along with databook.
- Spoke with Dr. Howard Goldman at University of Maryland regarding his work evaluating mental health systems. Also spoke with Tim Santoni at U Maryland regarding the Outcomes Measurement System (OMS) that was developed for Value Options.
- Similarly, we will be discussing the current outcome measurement capabilities of ADAA’s SMART system.